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REF: DEAN-FULLER TELECON JANUARY 27

1. FOREIGN MINISTER DE LA PUENTE CALLED ME TODAY TO INFORM EMBASSY AND WASHINGTON OF HIS 24-HOUR STOPOVER IN NEW YORK CITY ON FEBRUARY 10 IN CONNECTION WITH HIS VISIT TO SPAIN. HE INQUIRED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A CALL ON SECRETARY VANCE SOMETIME DURING THAT DAY. HE STARTED OUT BY SAYING THAT IF BY CHANCE THE SECRETARY WERE TO BE IN NEW YORK AT THE TIME, HE WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO MEET HIM BUT ADDED THAT HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO FLY TO WASHINGTON TO CALL ON HIM. HE SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED THIS INITIATIVE WITH PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ WHO SUPPORTED IT WHOLEHEARTEDLY.

2. NEEDLESS TO SAY I RECOMMEND WITHOUT RESERVATION SUCH A MEETING. IN ADDITION TO THE CONTRIBUTION TO GOOD BILATERAL RELATIONS IT WOULD BE A DEMONSTRATION OF THE SECRETARY'S EARLY INTEREST IN SOUTH AMERICA AND IN A COUNTRY ENGAGED IN FAR REACHING SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC

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REFORMS. IT WOULD PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A FRANK DISCUSSION OF PERU'S PURCHASES OF SOVIET ARMS AND WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS FOR PERU'S RELATIONS WITH NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. RECENT HEMISPHERE REACTIONS TO THESE QUESTIONS ARE VERY MUCH ON THE MINDS OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ AND I BELIEVE IT IS PROBABLE THAT DE LA PUENTE WOULD TAKE THE INITIATIVE

TO RAISE THESE SUBJECTS AND TO EXPLAIN PERUVIAN POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES IN ANY MEETING THAT MIGHT TAKE PLACE. THEY ARE ANXIOUS TO GET OFF TO A GOOD START WITH THE NEW ADMINISTRATION--INCLUDING IN THE AREAS OF PEACEKEEPING AND HUMAN RIGHTS. SUCH MEETING WOULD SET THE STAGE FOR A CONTINUING DIALOGUE ON THESE IMPORTANT ISSUES BY THE SECRETARY AND YOU AND ALSO LAY GROUNDWORK FOR AN EARLY VISIT BY YOU AND POSSIBLY THE SECRETARY TO THIS PART OF THE WORLD.

3. FOREIGN MINISTER DE LA PUENTE SAID THAT IN ANY MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY HE WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS LATIN AMERICAN RELATIONS WITH THE US GENERALLY AS WELL AS PERUVIAN AND LATIN AMERICAN ROLES ON THE WORLD SCENE. HE IS THINKING IN TERMS OF A MEETING OF AN HOUR OR SO IN LENGTH.

4. SHOULD A MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY PROVE IMPOSSIBLE AT THIS TIME I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVE OPPORTUNITIES. FIRST, YOU MAY WISH TO FLY TO NEW YORK TO CALL ON DE LA PUENTE WHILE THERE, AND SECOND, I THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF A MEETING BETWEEN DE LA PUENTE AND UN REPRESENTATIVE ANDREW YOUNG COULD BE ARRANGED. IN EITHER CASE MANY OF THE ITEMS REFERRED TO ABOVE COULD BE INCLUDED IN THE DISCUSSION. DEAN

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